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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003 for two months from August 6, 2003 to October 6, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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